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## **ROMANS-TRAINED JUVENILES HOWLING TIME, RED KNOBS TOP WIDE-OPEN \$200,000 STREET SENSE**

**LOUISVILLE, Ky. (Thursday, Oct. 28, 2021)** – Trainer **Dale Romans'** promising duo of Iroquois Stakes (Grade III) third-place finisher **Red Knobs**, along with impressive maiden winner **Howling Time**, top an ultra-competitive field of nine 2-year-olds that were entered in Sunday's ninth running of the \$200,000 Street Sense at Churchill Downs.

Sunday's 17<sup>th</sup> annual "Stars of Tomorrow I" program, which features all 2-year-old races, kicks off the 21-day Fall Meet. First post is 1 p.m. (all times Eastern). The 1 1/16-mile Street Sense shares the Sunday spotlight with the \$200,000 Rags to Riches, which will also be run at 1 1/16 miles for 2-year-old fillies. The Street Sense was carded as Race 10 at 5:36 p.m. while the Rags to Riches will go as Race 5 at 3:03 p.m.

Inaugurated in 2005, Churchill Downs' "Stars of Tomorrow" programs have helped launched the careers of numerous graded stakes winners, including more than 50 future Grade I winners led by Horse of the Year champions **Gun Runner** (2017) and **Rachel Alexandra** (2009), Kentucky Derby winner **Super Saver** (2010), Kentucky Oaks winners **Rachel Alexandra** (2009), **Believe You Can** (2012) and **Monomoy Girl** (2018), Preakness winners **Shackleford** (2011), **War of Will** (2019) and **Swiss Skydiver** (2020), Belmont winner **Creator** (2016) as well as 2012 Breeders' Cup Classic and 2013 Stephen Foster hero **Fort Larned** and 2013 champion 3-year-old **Will Take Charge**.

**Albaugh Family Stables'** Howling Time, a 2-year-old son of Not This Time, broke his maiden on Sept. 25 at Churchill Downs by 1 1/2 lengths in a six-furlong maiden special weight contest. The \$200,000 purchase from the 2020 Keeneland September Yearling Sale stopped the teletimer in 1:10.15 to earn a stout 91 Brisnet Speed Rating. Howling Time will be ridden by **Joe Talamo** from post position No. 6.

Meanwhile, his stablemate, **Jim Bakke** and **Gerald Isbister's Red Knobs**, was only defeated by one-length in the \$300,000 Iroquois to **Major General** and **Tough to Tame**. The chestnut son of Union Rags broke his maiden this summer at Ellis Park by an impressive 6 1/4 lengths. He'll be ridden by **James Graham** from post 9.

Among the other top contenders in the Street Sense field are **Silverton Hill's** Kentucky Downs Juvenile Sprint winner **Red Danger**; **Paradise Farms Corp., Skychai Racing** and **David Staudacher's** Kentucky Downs Juvenile Mile runner-up **Kiss the Sky**; **Lucky Seven Stable's** Ellis Park Juvenile runner-up **Lucky Boss**; and **Daniel Alonso's** 10 1/2-length maiden breaker **Skippylongstocking**.

The complete field for the Street Sense from the rail out (with jockey and trainer): **Guntown** (Ricardo Santana Jr., Steve Asmussen); **Luni Sima** (Adam Beschizza, Jack Siston); Skippylongstocking (Tyler Gaffalione, Saffie Joseph Jr.); Red Danger (Julien Leparoux, Brian Lynch); Kiss the Sky (Corey Lanerie, Mike Maker); Howling Time (Talamo, Romans); Lucky Boss (Brian Hernandez Jr., Kenny McPeck); **Sport Pepper** (Florent Geroux, Kerry Zavash); and Red Knobs (Graham, Romans).

The Street Sense and Rags to Riches both serve as the local prep races to the \$400,000 Kentucky Jockey Club (GII) and \$400,000 Golden Rod (GII), respectively, as part of the "Stars of Tomorrow II" program on Saturday, Nov. 27.

After Sunday's opener, live racing will be conducted on a Wednesday-Sunday schedule with dark days on Mondays and Tuesdays. Most race days feature 10 live races. There will be 11 on Sunday's opener plus a trio of Saturdays: Nov. 6, 13 and 20. Twelve-race cards are scheduled over the final four days, Nov. 25-28.

There will be an early 11:30 a.m. start (gates 10 a.m.) on **Thanksgiving Day** (Thursday, Nov. 25) – a Louisville tradition at Churchill Downs since 1969 where more than 7,000 turkey dinners are served with all the trimmings, making it the largest number anywhere in the region.

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**EMPHATIC CHURCHILL DOWNS MAIDEN WINNERS SANDSTONE, YUUGIRI HEADLINE RAGS TO RICHES** – **Susan Moulton's** nine-length maiden winner **Sandstone**, along with **Sekie** and **Tsunebumi Yoshihara's** 7 ¼-length debut hero **Yuugiri**, headline a compact field of five 2-year-old fillies that were entered in Sunday's ninth running of the \$200,000 Rags to Riches at Churchill Downs.

The Rags to Riches, run at 1 1/16 miles, will go as Race 5 of 11 with a post time of 3:03 p.m. First post is 1 p.m. Sunday's program, dubbed as "Stars of Tomorrow I" with all 2-year-old races, is co-headlined by the \$200,000 Street Sense in Race 10.

Sandstone, a daughter of Street Sense, broke her maiden on Oct. 3 at Churchill Downs over a "sloppy" surface. The **Kenny McPeck**-trained filly covered the one-mile distance in 1:37.43 and earned a 90 Brisnet Speed Rating.

Two weeks prior to Sandstone's open-length maiden score, the **Rodolphe Brisset**-trained Yuugiri cruised to a decisive victory. The homebred-daughter of Shackleford completed the six-furlong maiden special weight contest in 1:09.55 and earned a 95 Brisnet Speed Rating.

**Brian Hernandez Jr.** will have the return mount on Sandstone from post No. 3 while September Meet leading rider **Tyler Gaffalione** will pilot Yuugiri from post 4.

The Rags to Riches field also includes **Harold Lerner, AWC Stables, Scott Akman, Nehoc Stables, Paul Braverman** and **Magdalena Racing's** Pocahontas Stakes (GII) runner-up **Mama Rina**; **Joe Sharp's** Ellis Park Debutante third-place finisher **Manasota Sunset**; and **Eclipse Thoroughbred Partners' Jessamine Stakes (GII) fourth-place finisher Dressed**.

Here's the field for the Rags to Riches in order of post position (with jockey and trainer): Manasota Sunset (Ricardo Santana Jr., Sharp); Mama Rina (Julien Leparoux, Kenny McPeck); Sandstone (Hernandez, McPeck); Yuugiri (Gaffalione, Brisset); Dressed (Florent Geroux, Catalano).

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